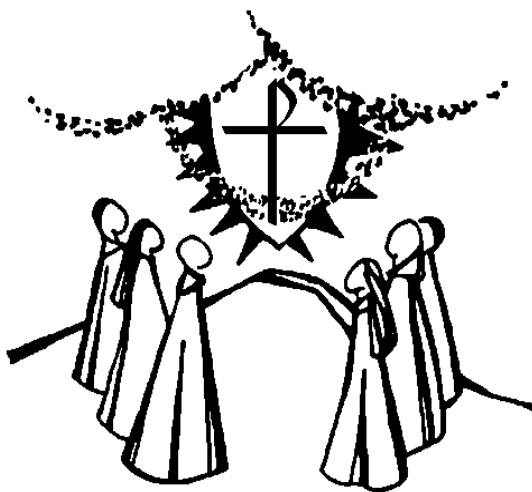




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

May 17th, 2015

The Festival of Ascension



A Joyful Goodbye

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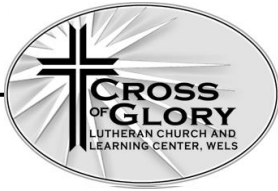
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION

HYMN.....A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (#171)

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

DIALOGUE OF PRAISE.....*Selected Verses from the Psalms*

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

C: **He has set his glory above the heavens.**

M: For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

C: **He is exalted far above all gods.**

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
C: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

M: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.
C: **He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

M: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.
C: **A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.**

M: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.
C: **His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

RESPONSE.....Hail the Day that See Him Rise (#175)

**1. Hail the day that sees him rise
 To his throne above the skies!
 Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n,
 Reascends his native heav'n.**

**2. There the glorious triumph waits:
 Lift your heads, eternal gates.
 He has conquered death and sin;
 Take the King of glory in!**

**3. See, the heav'n its Lord receives,
 Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
 Though returning to his throne,
 Still he calls mankind his own.**

**4. See, he lifts his hands above;
 See, he shows the prints of love.
 Hark! His gracious lips bestow
 Blessings on his Church below.**

**5. Still for us he intercedes;
 His prevailing death he pleads.
 He, the first of all our race,
 Near himself prepares a place.**

**6. There we shall with you remain
 Partners in your endless reign,
 There your face unclouded view,
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**C: (♪) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The sounds of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 1:16-23

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly

realms,²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

C: (♪) Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

GOSPEL.....Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

C: (♪) Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud of sight received him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore.”

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Crown Him with Many Crowns (#341)

SERMON.....Luke 24:44-53

“A Joyful Goodbye”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

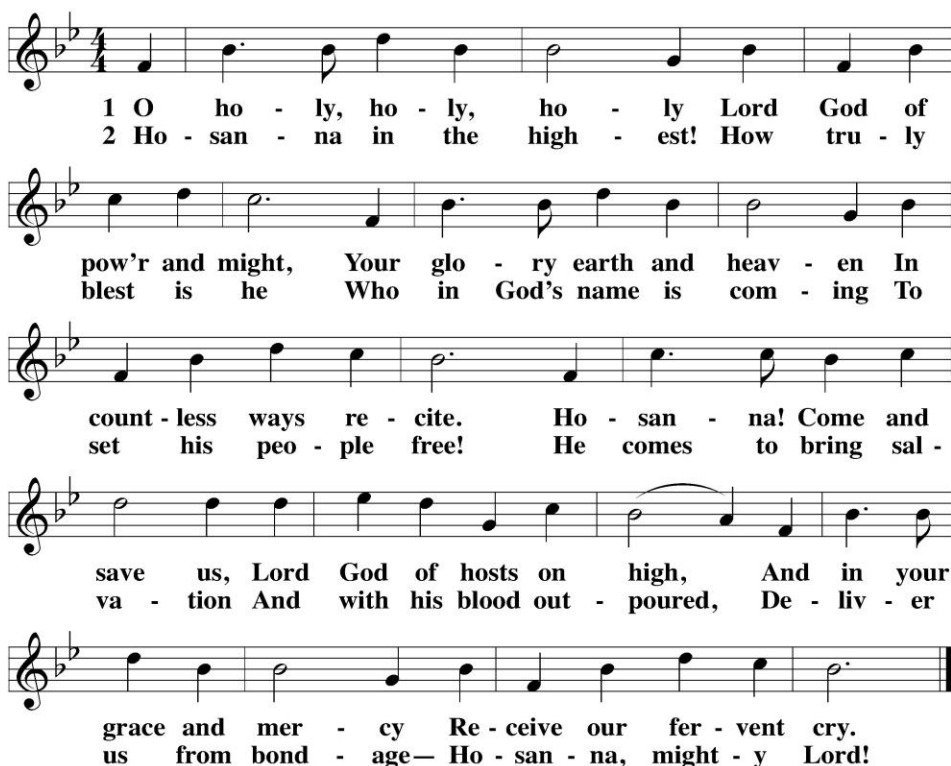
M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be don on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



C: Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the
world; have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the
sin of the world, have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a
way the sin of the Grant us your peace. A men.

DISTRIBUTION (Hymn # 173 – On Christ's Ascension I Now Build)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



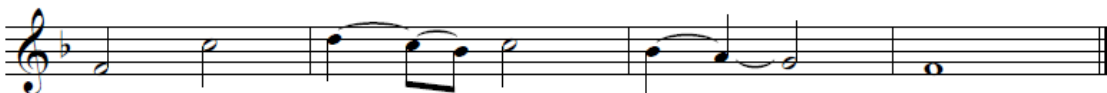
C: A _____ men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

CLOSING HYMN.....Draw Us to Thee (#170)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 46; Communion: 24.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$2855; Learning Center Sale: \$430.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday (5/19)	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Sunday (5/24):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hahm at King of Kings, Alexandria

BAYOU SERVANTS FOR CHRIST THIS TUESDAY



There will be a meeting of the Bayou Servants for Christ this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY VBS ON JULY 25TH



We are debuting a new format for our Vacation Bible School this summer. We will have a special one-day event on Saturday, July 25th. In the afternoon we will hold a camp for children with the theme "Faith Superhero Training Academy." There will be games, music, crafts, and inspirational stories of heroes of faith from the Bible. In the evening, everyone is invited for a barbecue fellowship event. Please save the date!